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The following questions arise in connection with the President's new directive pertaining to the Central Intelligence Group:

1. Is the Strategic Services Unit still a part of the War Department, or is it part of the Central Intelligence Group?
2. In either event, what will be the source of funds? This is important, as purchase orders and contracts cannot be issued or awarded until we are certain of the source of money.
3. Does the existing contracting authority cover the new unit, or does new contracting authority have to be delegated? If so, how will this be arranged?
4. What letterheads will be used by Strategic Services personnel, and what will the printing consist of?
5. In the Central Intelligence Group, are there other personnel who will be merged with the group, now or in the future, that we will have to service on supplies or equipment? This question relates to domestic as well as overseas personnel.
6. Since one of the problems of procurement is the question of statutory authority which exists, and is available from the Appropriation Act or previous statutory authority given to a particular department, it is suggested that if possible the procurement of supplies, equipment, or miscellaneous services be charged to a single department's appropriation. This will avoid the necessity of becoming familiar with the statutory authority of the three contributing departments. This might also be worked out for the entire agency whereby all of the appropriations of this agency would be paid directly from a single department's appropriation and the other two departments reimburse the former department for a certain percentage of the cost which they have agreed they would bear. If some such arrangement cannot be worked out, we will probably have considerable difficulty with the General Accounting Office.

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